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Ms. Carol Hanlon
Department of Energy

Dear Ms. Hanlon

This is a letter to let the D.O.E. know I am vehemently opposed to the shipment of irradiated fuel rods to Yucca Mountain, Nevada.

My reasons are simple.

*Fuel rods that come out of a reactor core are a million more times radioactive than when they were loaded into the reactor.

*In each shipping canister there are 4.65 million curies. A scientist would work with a tiny fraction of a curie. That is an astronomical amount of radiation!

*Anyone living or working on or around these routes would be subject to radiation exposure. There has not been a container designed to contain radioactivity.

*Yucca Mountain has 33 earthquake faults. In June 1992 an earthquake caused \$1.5 million damage to D.O.E.'s own Yucca Mountain research facility. This location also shows groundwater movement, and is 10 miles away from a volcanic field.

*Accidents do happen and the results could be horrific.

*The threat of terrorists is very real, especially now. It would be far easier to sabotage a train or truck than an airplane. Two escorts are not enough.

I would hope the Department of Energy would protect us. This proposition makes no sense, and is not in our best interest.

Sincerely,

Jeanne McNabb
St. Louis, MO

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